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S E C R E T LOURENCO MARQUES 0314

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, MILL, MZ

SUBJECT: PLANE CARRYING MILITARY ATTACHES HIT BY  
ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

1. MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE HAS JUST INFORMED ME IN CONFIDENCE HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL LATE LAST NIGHT FROM BRITISH MILITARY ATTACHE NOW VISITING MOZAMBIQUE WITH OTHER MILITARY ATTACHES FROM VARIOUS EMBASSIES IN LISBON. TELEPHONE CONNECTION WAS VERY BAD AND MILITARY ATTACHE REPORTED BAREST DETAILS. HE SAID DAKOTA CARRYING ATTACHES HAD BEEN HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE (PRESUMABLY NEAR MUEDA AREA OF CABO DELGADO DISTRICT) ON MAY 6. AS PLANE SEEMED TO BE FLYING TOO HIGH TO BE REACHED BY ANYTHING ELSE, BRITISH ATTACHE SURMISED HIT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BY SAM-7 MISSILE. PLANE MADE IT TO NEAREST LANDING STRIP AND ALL ON BOARD ARE REPORTED SAFE.

2. ATTACHES AGREED WITH PORTUGUESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE SAID PUBLICLY ABOUT THE EVENT, SO REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS TO MAINTAIN SECRECY(EXCEPT FOR REASSURING WIVES) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. CONCEIVABLY FRELIMO MAY MENTION INCIDENT IN ITS PROPAGANDA.

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EM ATTACHE GROUP IS NOW IN VILA CABRAL AND EXPECTED ARRIVE

LOURENCO MARQUES ON FRIDAY.

4. WE HAVE HAD NO WORD FROM U.S. ATTACHES SINCE THEIR  
ARRIVAL IN MOZAMBIQUE.  
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